

ROCKINGHAM POST-DISPATCH

LOCAL ITEMS

—W. S. S.
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—16 pages this issue.
—March is the month of winds; watch your fires.
—Miss Lizzie McLean died of pneumonia Friday, and was buried at the family burying ground Saturday.
—Up to date we have heard no word from Mr. Hoover that the hole in the doughnut should be made smaller.
—Read the War Savings Stamps features in the supplementary section of this issue—and then buy stamps.
—As soon as you have read about the Huns using gas on our boys, go buy some more Stamps. It is the best you can do.
—The case against R. K. Gregory, charged with abandonment, has been continued at request of the prosecution, and Gregory has returned to Baltimore.
—It is of interest to note that sixty banks in this State have so far bought War Savings Certificates to the amount of \$215,199.75. How much has YOUR bank bought?
—A hefty subject argued in a debating society in this "vicinity" last week: "Resolved, It is better to be a giraffe with a sore throat than a centipede with corns on its toes."
—The order against meatless meals and porkless Saturdays has been lifted. Our people are now asked to observe but one day as a beefless and porkless day—Tuesdays.
—Rev. A. G. Melton, of Cleveland county, arrived last Friday to assume the pastorate of Steele's Mills and Pleasant Grove Baptist churches. His wife and infant will come later.
—Messrs L. J. Bell and W. N. Everett will speak on subjects connected with the war, at Hebron church Saturday at 3 p. m. Mt. Airy church Sunday at 11, and Concord church Sunday at 3, and at Bostic school house Saturday, 16th, at 2:30.
—A hot bearing caused a fire in the card room of Great Falls mill Monday night at 8:40, but was extinguished with small loss. The mill suspended operations for the day Tuesday pending a general "cleaning up" after water and the slight damage of Monday night.
—The March term of civil court convenes the 18th, with Judge Harding presiding. The calendar appears elsewhere in this issue; it is of interest to note that there are ELEVEN cases on the docket for divorce! The jury list for the April criminal term is also in this issue, court to begin April 8th.
—When the committee waits on you next Tuesday morning in the whirlwind campaign to raise \$1500 for a public library for Rockingham, meet them with a smile—and the subscription. Let the smile and money come cheerfully, remembering the investment you are making for both old and young.
—Elsewhere in this issue can be seen the notice calling an election for the Ellerbe school district April 13th for an increase in the tax rate of an additional 20 cents on the \$100 and 60 cents on the poll, for school purposes. A new registration is ordered, with A. D. Spivey as registrar, and J. T. McLeod and W. M. Henderson as poll holders of election.

PERSONAL

G. W. Thomas left today for treatment at the Montrose Sanatorium.
Robert Ledbetter will return to Camp Jackson tonight, after a stay since Sunday here.
State Councilor H. O. Sapp, of Winston, will deliver an address to the local Juniors tonight.
W. H. Carpenter, of Ellerbe, Rt. 3, was among the numerous business visitors in the city Monday.
Mrs. Joe Laurens and three children came from Augusta, Ga. Saturday to visit her father, ex-sheriff J. M. Smith.
Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett and Miss Bessie Everett went to Charlotte Tuesday; they are expected to return Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Steele have received a cablegram from their son Robert, Jr., stating that he had landed safely "over there."
Misses Nell Pender and Margaret Blow will come from Charlotte Friday night to spend the week-end with Mrs. F. W. Bynum.
Mrs. Graham Weddington, of Charlotte, spent Monday night here. She brought her little son Joe, who she left with his grandmother, Mrs. S. W. Covington.
Rev. Francis Osborne, of Charlotte, held services at the Episcopal church Sunday morning. He is canvassing for a \$250,000 fund for St. Mary's School at Raleigh.
Arthur Capel was three weeks ago transferred from Camp Jackson to a training camp near Chattanooga, Tenn. His address is Co. F. 6th infantry, Military Branch, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Capt. H. C. Cooper, of the marines, who has been in the service in Hayti for the past two years, spent Wednesday of last week here with his uncle, Claude Gore. He is now assigned to duty at Paris Island, S. C.
Of interest to Methodists is the gift of \$25,000 in Liberty Bonds by E. B. Borden, of Goldsboro, last Monday to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. This gift to the endowment fund will increase the annual income to the Orphanage one thousand dollars.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Steele last week returned from Baltimore and Salisbury, at which latter place they left their son Armistead at the Stokes hospital. Mrs. Steele will return there Monday and the little fellow will likely be operated upon for appendicitis.
—The amount subscribed in War Savings Stamps and Certificates from the Rockingham post-office since February 1st is \$1457. The total amount to date is \$7,196.30.

—The boys and girls of the Rockingham school played the boys and girls of the Laurinburg school in basketball here Tuesday. The Rockingham girls' team won by score of 81-1, while the local boys lost 3-12.

—Mr. Frank Loudermilk died at his home at Covington Tuesday night. He suffered an attack of acute indigestion Saturday night, from which he gradually grew worse until his death Tuesday. The interment was at Farmer's, in Randolph county, today.

—Henry DeBerry, colored, was bound over to court by Squire Guthrie Tuesday under a \$200 bond, which he gave, charged with cutting Sam Dockery. The two were returning from a debating society at Holly Grove church when the altercation took place.

—Mr. James T. Hendley, who lived five miles north of Wadesboro, died last Friday, aged 73. He was a Confederate veteran, and was formerly chairman of the Anson Board of Education. He was a member of Brown Creek Baptist church, where his funeral was conducted by Rev. S. M. Hanff.

—A meeting of ladies and gentlemen was held at the school auditorium Tuesday to perfect a cemetery organization. W. R. Land was chosen president and Fairley Long secretary. The Association will hold a joint meeting with the town commissioners on Thursday night of next week. The citizens of the city are urged to join this Association and help in making our Eastside cemetery a beautiful "city for the departed."

L. L. Bell was in Raleigh Wednesday attending the organization of the State Educational Commission. R. H. Wright was chosen as president, and Mr. Bell as secretary. The members are: Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College; Dr. C. E. Brewer, president of Meredith; C. C. Wright, Supt. of Wilkes county schools; R. H. Wright, president of East Carolina Training School; and L. J. Bell, Supt. of Richmond county schools.

After spending sometime in the northern markets buying a complete stock of women's ready-to-wear and novelty dress goods for the W. E. Harrison & Land Co., Mr. W. C. Thomas has returned home, very much gratified with what he found and with the prices to be had this spring. The pastor will conduct services at Mark's Creek Presbyterian church Sunday morning, and in afternoon at two Rev. A. T. Young, of Hamlet, will speak.

Anti-Tipping States

Six States of the American Union now have anti-tipping laws namely, Illinois, Iowa, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

War Savings Societies.

War Savings Societies are being organized in the high schools and rural schools of the county. Messrs. B. F. Reynolds, F. W. Bynum, W. N. Everett, Supt. L. J. Bell and others have been presenting to the schools at various times during the past two weeks the matter of the necessity for economy upon the part of every man, woman and child and the investment of their savings in Thrift and War Stamps. The teachers and the pupils are responding with enthusiasm and good results are being reported. The results in the schools reporting so far are as follows:

Roberdel High school—3 societies, 83 members, stamps valued at \$63.37.

Rohanen, 5 societies, 110 members, stamps \$25.50.

Pee Dee, 5 societies, 111 members, stamps \$157.25.

Norman, 2 societies, stamps \$422.75.

Williams, 1 society, 20 members, \$68.00.

Hoffman, 2 societies, 77 members, \$75.00.

Marks Creek, 1 society, 12 members.

Cognac, no society, teacher owns \$100 worth of stamps.

Ledbetters, 2 societies.

Rockingham, 12 societies, 348 members, stamps valued \$2,299.50.

Total for schools reporting: 33 societies, 761 members, stamps \$3,211.37.

It is hoped that every school in the county, white and colored, will soon be organized, sending in weekly reports to me on Tuesday that these reports may be published in the Post-Dispatch.
L. J. Bell, Co. Supt.

Drafted Farmers

May Plant Crops.

No farmers or farm laborers in the second draft will be sent to training camps before July 15 according to a letter issued yesterday by Governor Bickett to all the local boards in the State. This opinion the Governor explained, is given in order that the farmers and the farm laborers may proceed to cultivate their crops upon the assurance that they will not be disturbed earlier than that date.

Governor Bickett's letter follows:

"I am glad to be able to announce after a careful investigation of the subject that, in my opinion, no farmers or farm laborers in the second draft will be sent to training camps before the 15th of July.

I am giving out this opinion in order that the farmers and farm laborers may proceed to cultivate their crops upon the assurance that they will not be disturbed earlier than the 15th of July, by which time the crops will be laid by.

This announcement, however, does not include the deferred percentage of the first quota made up of colored men. Colored men who were liable to call in the first draft, are now liable to be called at any time.

Roberdel Items.

(Contributed)
Mrs. M. C. Gibson, of Hamlet, is staying with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Culbertson, who has been sick for the past week.
We are glad to note that Miss Bessie Easterling, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving very rapidly and we expect her back in school in a few weeks.
The Roberdel basket ball team will play their first match game with the Ellerbe team Friday afternoon at Ellerbe.
Mr. James L. Baxley, one of the Roberdel soldier boys, returned home last Friday night for a few days.
We are glad to note that Roberdel school children are so interested in buying the Thrift Stamps and we hope that they will continue buying them.
The play given by the Ellerbe actors on Saturday night was enjoyed by all who were present.
Mr. Bob Coble, of Greensboro, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. C. J. Terry.
Mrs. James Gibson, who has been real sick, is some better.
Mr. Gordan Simpkins, of Old Hundred, spent the week-end with Mr. E. C. Gibson.

Bostic's Community Club.

(Contributed)
The Bostic community club met at the home of Miss Flossie Bennett Saturday afternoon March 2nd for the purpose of reorganization and planning the year's work. The old officers were re-elected. The planning of gardens was discussed. All were urged to raise and can plenty of vegetables so that there will be no scarcity of pantry supplies. This led to a discussion of the world's food situation. Leaflets on food conversation were distributed.
An attempt was made to organize a War Savings Society, but so few being present it was not completed.
The meeting adjourned to meet at the school house on March 16th at 2.00 P. M.

Resolutions.

The death of Brother W. C. Leak affects this community through every phase of its life. In the busy scenes of traffic and trade, in the social circle where he was always a general favorite; yes, all classes of society feel deeply the loss that deprives them of an influence so far-reaching in all things that are worth while in this life.
In this official board, representing the Rockingham M. E. Church South, we feel keenly the loss we have sustained and as an expression of our sense of this loss, BE IT
Resolved: That we cherish the memory of W. C. Leak as our most valuable citizen; that we shall ever remember with delight his companionship as a man, and that above all, we prize the rich legacy of his unselfish life of usefulness, the example of which will ever be an inspiration to us all.
Resolved further: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Quarterly Conference Journal, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, a copy to the local paper for publication and also to the Raleigh Christian Advocate.
H. S. Ledbetter,
Fred Dickinson,
W. B. Cole,
Committee.

Dog Lost.

Lost, at Pekin, a brown setter dog. If found, return to W. E. Ewing, Pekin, or to J. R. Ewing, Rockingham, and receive reward.

Potato Slips for Sale

For sale, Nancy Hall sweet potatoe slips; \$1.60 per 1000. Ready for delivery April 1st.
—Miss Glen Fairley, Rockingham N. C.

BLANK VERSE.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Robinson were at loggerheads, but they always turned up at each other's "At Homes."
"Does your Johnny recite poetry?"
"Yes," replied Mrs. Robinson proudly.
"I don't care for poetry," laughed Mr. Robinson, Johnny's father, "I'm off."
"Oh, surely you approve of Johnny!" chipped in Mrs. Jones. "It doesn't sound a bit like poetry when dear little Johnny recites it."

Needed.

Friend—Why do you maintain such a large office force?
Financier—To prevent outsiders from bothering me.
"But I thought that was what your executive secretary was for."
"Oh, no. He is here to prevent the office force from bothering me."—Life.

REAL POLAR WEATHER.



Lady (out of sight)—but if the woman next door refused to give you a bite, and set the dog on you, it is strange you wear such a benevolent smile.
The Hobo—Ah, mum, dat is a smile of expectancy dat settled on me face before I went dere, an' it is so cold outside de smile froze on me face and won't come off.

Town Specialties.

There is a man in our town,
And he is full of prunes;
He has a rusty phonograph
And never changes tunes.

So Much Settled.

"Do you love me?" he asked.
"No. I don't think I do," said the sweet young thing.
"Shouldn't you learn to love me?"
"Oh, I might."
"Well, give me your hand on that, then."



Doctor Gaston Larrabee had just completed his medical education when the World's war broke out, and of course he joined the surgeons of the French army. Doctor Larrabee was better fitted to give medicines to women and children than to attend the wounded on the battle field. He was small of stature and delicately organized.

The young doctor was, moreover, in love with Louise Rappeller. He was not successful in his suit, for Louise admired strength. She looked forward to marrying some hero of the war, some imposing man with fierce moustachios.

"Go," she said, "and do your duty in the field in which you are placed. A surgeon may win a decoration as well as one in the trenches. I hope you will return safely, and having shown yourself a brave man, I care not how."

Gaston went forth without any hope of proving that he possessed what he had no taste for. He would much rather have remained and fed pellets to children; but the government did not propose that he should do so.

Gaston's small stature, his soft voice, his gentlemanliness, soon brought down on him the sarcasm of his associates. That is, some of his associates. Most of them liked him. It was only the rough-hewn men who were indelicate enough to twit him for his delicacy. There was no occasion for taunting him, for he did his work conscientiously, and if war was not to his taste, that was his fault or his. He could not force his likes or dislikes.

Captain Bombarier was Doctor Larrabee's opposite. He came of rough stock, and had received very little education. He hated refinement, and education was detestful to him. The little doctor was to him like a red rag to a mad bull. The two men were of the same corps, and were consequently thrown together. Bombarier never lost an opportunity to cast a slur on the doctor's small hand or foot, or his soft voice, which latter was as unlike the captain's as the coo of a dove to a lion's roar.

Bombarier's taunts finally reached insults. Gaston's friends suggested to him to ask for a transfer to a corps where he would not be subject to the captain's remarks, but the doctor said that would not avail. The reputation for having failed to resent an insult would follow him. Besides, he would find others disposed to pounce upon him. No, he preferred death rather than live an object of contempt. He would challenge Captain Bombarier. If he were killed his sufferings would be ended. However, the matter might end, it might in future render him less liable to insult.

The next time Bombarier cast a slur on the doctor, Gaston challenged him to fight. The captain laughed at the idea of fighting such a delicate little fellow, and ignored the challenge. This would have been well enough had he ceased his slurs. For a time he was not quite so contemptuous, but soon was as irritating as ever. Then the other officers took the matter up and insisted that he fight the doctor.

Bombarier reluctantly consented, stating that he was placed in a false position as the opponent of such a stripling, and a meeting was arranged. The seconds, in order that nothing serious might come of it, or to save the little doctor's life, separating the combatants 500 yards, naming rifles for weapons. The duelists were placed as far from the trenches as the circumstances would admit, but the distance was not great. When all was ready, the word "Aim" was given, and each raised his rifle to his shoulder. Gaston aimed at nothing, shutting his eyes. At the word "Fire" two shots rang out simultaneously. The doctor was unharmed, but the captain fell dead.

Doctor Larrabee was sure that he had not killed his enemy, unless it was by accident, for he had not wished to have the blood of anyone upon his conscience. Be he could not convince the seconds that he had not done so. They buried the captain and proclaimed the doctor a man who was not to be trifled with.

One of the men who buried the body of Captain Bombarier noted that he had been shot in the back. He inferred that he had been killed by a stray bullet that had come from the enemy's trenches. But being a friend of the doctor's he made no mention of the discovery, not wishing to mar the effect of his achievement.

From that time forward Surgeon Larrabee suffered nothing from his delicate make-up. Indeed, being a contrast to his supposed courage, it rendered him an object of interest. He was pointed out as the man who had killed the overbearing Bombarier. News of his feat reached his friends at home, and when he was wounded during service on the battlefield, and went home on leave, he found himself a double hero. Louise Rappeller relented and accepted him, not because he was hit doing his duty, but because he had killed a man who had killed the overbearing Bombarier.

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